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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

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SIR:

This is in response to the Election of Species of December 30, 2005.

Applicants elect the claims of Species III, claims 81, 86, and 90.

This election is made with traverse because claim 81 is generic to all of the claims of Species I, II and III.

This election is also made with traverse because of an error in the election requirement - claim 85 is missing. Claim 85 properly belongs in Species III.

Examination of claim 85 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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